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TOPIC Puetnitz Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Puetnitz airfield on 4 and 5 October: 25X1

4 October. MiG-15 aircraft practiced firing at towed sleeve targets throughout the day. A total of 20 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen at the take-off point. Several aircraft took off at 0930 and practiced over the Ribnitz Lake. The sleeve target was towed by a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 on a rope about 200 meters long and at altitude of about 1,000 meters. The attacking aircraft approached laterally from the rear and gave 3 or 4 bursts of fire with the aircraft cannon. The sleeve target was dropped from a low altitude over the eastern end of the main runway. All of the aircraft involved were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

5 October. Thirty-six MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the take-off point. This was the maximum number of aircraft previously counted on the runway. Only a few take-offs were observed. After 1000, the weather was unfavorable and very hazy.

On 4 and 5 October, no change was observed in the type and number of aircraft stationed at the aircraft. [1]

2. The following radar sets were observed at their previous locations:

A Token-type set is apparently still south of the secondary runway; its very high frame was seen over the entire field.
A Token-type set on Wolfsberg was seen about 1 km south of Ribnitz railroad station.
A Kniferest-type set and a Fishnet-type set were seen near the northeastern bent of the taxiway.
A Dumbo-type radar set was seen in the northwestern bent of the taxiway. A searchlight was noticed about 150 meters from this set. [2]

3. The fuel dump in the northwestern corner of the field was in operation. It was filled from railroad tank cars through a pipe line which extended from the dump via the road to the spur track. Tank trucks hauled the fuel from the fuel dump to the aircraft on the runway.

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4. Because of the distance no details could be observed on the aircraft dummies which had bee reported in August 1954. It was definitely observed, however, that the bomber dummy consisted of an open frame, while the fighter dummy was entirely covered and had the shape of a MiG-15. 25X1

5. On 10 October. 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked south of the eastern end of the main runway. No other aircraft were seen. The area around the hangars could not be observed. No air activity was under way. At about 0600 on 11 October, 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the dispersal area of alert aircraft. At 1100, 10 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s with sleeve targets were towed from the hangars to the dispersal area north of the Puetnitz sheep-farm where the aircraft were parked side-by-side. No air activity was seen. [1] 25X1

6. No change was observed on the radio and radar installations on 10 and 11 October. [2]

7. Vehicular traffic at the field included 3 trucks [redacted] On 10 October, several trucks loaded with soldiers and their baggage moved toward Rostock. [3]

[redacted] Comment. It is believed that Puetnitz airfield is still occupied by a fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. A total of 36 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. 25X1

[redacted] Comment. The 2 Token-type sets and the radar station consisting of 1 Fishnet-type set and 1 Kniferest-type set were reported previously. The Dumbo-type radar set was observed for the first time in the northwestern bend of the taxiway. The report does not indicate whether this set operates together with the searchlight which is located at a distance of 150 meters ~~or not~~. 25X1

[redacted] Comment: It is possible that the shipment of EM by truck on 10 October is connected with the exchange of personnel during the fall of each year. 25X1

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